



# Center for Harm Reduction Services Harm Reduction Programs Overview

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# **Mission and Vision**

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## **MISSION**

The mission of the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration is to protect, promote and improve the health and well-being of all Marylanders and their families through provision of public health leadership and through community-based public health efforts in partnership with local health departments, providers, community based organizations, and public and private sector agencies, giving special attention to at-risk and vulnerable populations.

## **VISION**

The Prevention and Health Promotion Administration envisions a future in which all Marylanders and their families enjoy optimal health and well-being.

# Vision and Strategic Goal

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CHRS envisions a Maryland where:

1. Health care and social service systems meet the needs of people who use drugs in a comprehensive, community-based manner,
2. People who use drugs have equitable access to high-quality care, and
3. Services provided to people who use drugs are free from stigma and discrimination.

**Our strategic goal is to reduce substance-related morbidity and mortality by optimizing services for people who use drugs.**

# Major Programs

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- Major Programs
  - Overdose Response Programs
  - Syringe Service Programs
  - [ACCESS Harm Reduction Grants](#)
  - Capacity Building, including Regrounding Our Response and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion

# **COVID19 Response**

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1. Support programs in adapting to continue services
2. Naloxone and fentanyl test strips to OTPs
3. Purchase and distribute extra supplies, incl. hygiene kits
4. OOCC Telehealth and mobile services grant
5. Virtual training

## **Maryland Overdose Data**

# Learning Objectives Across an Educational Continuum



*Regrounding Our Response presentations seek to answer the following questions:*

- Why are communities impacted differently by the overdose crisis?
- What is the connection between trauma and substance use?
- How does behavior change, and how can we support people in their progress?
- What are the most effective evidence-based tools to prevent overdose death?
- Why do we need to build comprehensive systems of care for people who use drugs?

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# Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion

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- LEAD creates a **new, collaborative pathway** for people with complex challenges whose needs cannot be met by standard clinical or office-based care
- LEAD diverts people whose problems are driven by unmanaged behavioral conditions **out of** the justice system **into** long-term, non-coercive case management
- Law enforcement officers are primary portal for diversion, **in partnership** with case management, service providers, prosecutors, community leaders and health agencies

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